

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4176  
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS MX (CESSNA 210 FAA N-9441X SERIAL 210-57741)

SUBJECT: PROPERTY: RECOVERY OF CONFISCATED US AIRCRAFT

1. ON JULY 17, 1978 SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WAS GIVEN INTO THE HANDS OF ITS UNITED STATES OWNERS. CONSUL GENERAL BLEVINS RECEIVED THE AIRCRAFT ON BEHALF OF THE USG FROM THE GENERAL COMMANDING FIFTEEN MILITARY ZONE OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS THEN TURNED OVER TO T.M. IRVIN OF THE AIRCRAFT RECOVERY BUREAU REPRESENTING THE OWNER, MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT.

2. AIRCRAFT WAS PHYSICALLY REMOVED FROM THE ZAPOPAN MILITARY AIRBASE LATE THAT DAY. IT WAS DISMANTLED AND TRUCKED TO THE GUADALAJARA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. A CONSULAR OFFICER REMAINED THROUGH OUT THE DISMANTLING AND REMOVAL OPERATION. IT IS PRESENTLY AT THE GUADALAJARA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR REASSEMBLY AND REPAIR.

3. OWNERS REPRESENTATIVE IRVIN RETURNED TO THE US ON JULY 18 TO PICKUP ESSENTIAL PARTS AND EQUIPMENT TO MAKE AIRCRAFT FLYABLE. HE AND PARTS ARE EXPECTED LATER IN WEEK AND IT IS HOPED AIRCRAFT WILL BE FLOWN TO US THIS WEEKEND. NO DIFFICULTIES ARE FORESEEN.

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4. THE ACTS OF DOCUMENTARY AND PHYSICAL TRANSFER WENT SMOOTHLY AND PAINLESSLY. NO PAYMENTS WERE EXACTED OR SOUGHT. ALL PERSONNEL WERE PLEASANT AND COOPERATIVE THROUGHOUT THE LONG DAY. A GOOD PRECEDENT HAS BEEN SET FOR RETURN OF OTHER US AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE OR MAY COME UNDER MILITARY CONTROL.

5. OWNERS REP MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ALL-OUT EFFORT MADE BY

AMEMBASSY IN NEGOTIATING RELEASE OF AIRCRAFT AND BY POST IN  
ACTUAL PHYSICALTRANSFER.  
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